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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Honorable Richard V. Allen, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, has requested that I coordinate the executive branch review of Executive Order 12065, "National Security Information," for purposes of recommending to the President a revised information security system that reflects the policies of the Administration. In keeping with Mr. Allen's instructions, I enclose for your review and comment a draft of a proposed new executive order. Please submit your comments to me no later than November 16, 1981.

The enclosed draft is largely based upon a proposed executive order which a committee composed of representatives of the intelligence community recently submitted to Mr. Allen. The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) has revised this proposal based upon its efforts to incorporate, if merited, changes to E.O. 12065 suggested by executive branch agencies in response to an earlier solicitation by this office, as well as ISOO's own oversight experience in this area. ISOO has coordinated this redraft with the National Security Council staff and representatives of the intelligence community committee which produced the initial draft. While there are points of disagreement within the executive branch on certain issues, there is a general consensus that these preliminary efforts have produced a draft which will facilitate the preparation of a final version to be presented to the President as quickly as possible. With that goal in mind, I do not anticipate transmitting any later draft for general comment.

You are invited to send a representative to a question and answer meeting I will convene on Tuesday, October 27, 1981, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in Room 5141A, General Services Administration Building, Eighteenth and E Street entrance. Please direct your questions to me at 633-6880. Your cooperation in preventing the unnecessary dissemination of this draft is appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Steven Garfinkel

STEVEN GARFINKEL  
Director

Enclosure

cc: ✓ Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater  
Deputy Director for Administration